

EMT-I REGULATORY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2000
Oakland International Airport

I. Introductions

Self-introductions were made. Sally McGregor is no longer on the Task Force; her position is filled by Robert Cordray.

| MEMBERS PRESENT | EMSA STAFF PRESENT | ALTERNATES PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | ALTERNATES ABSENT |
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| Robert Cordray | Bonnie Sinz | Bruce Kenagy | Nancy Casazza | David Nevins |
| Elaine Dethlefsen | Sean Trask | | Donna Ferracone | Debbie Notturmo |
| Pat Kramm | | | Bruce Haynes | Bryon Parsons |
| Debra Meier | | | Gloria Huerta | Karen Petrilla |
| Debi Moffat | | | David Magnino | Aaron York |
| John Tysell | | | Steve Maiero | |
| Kevin White | | | Tom McGinnis | |
| Todd Wilhoyte | | | Sally McGregor | |
| | | | John Pritting | |
| | | | Marco Randazzo | |
| | | | Bob Repar | |
| | | | Veronica Shepardson | |
| | | | Susan Smith | |

II. Review

A. Minutes

Minutes from the September 20, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following changes: The M.D. was removed from Bruce Kenagy's name, Debi Meier's name was added to the Comparison of Responsibilities Between State EMS Authority and Local EMS Agencies sub-committee, and the duplicate listing of Karen Petrilla's name was corrected.

B. Agenda

EMT Approving Authority was added to the end of Old Business, the agenda was approved, and no items were requested for future meetings.

III. Old Business

A. Committee Report – Comparison of Responsibilities Between State EMS Authority and Local EMS Agencies:

1. A sub-committee consisting of Pat Kramm, Steve Maiero, Bruce Kenagy and Debi Meier presented a survey to the Task Force for comment that will be distributed to local EMS agencies. The survey addressed a number of issues ranging from training

program approvals to training program fees. A number of suggested changes were made and Pat Kramm will make the changes and forward the completed survey to Sean Trask at the EMS Authority to distribute to the local EMS agencies throughout California. The results of the survey will be brought back to the EMT-I Task Force as they come in.

B. Committee Report: Exam Administration

A sub-committee consisting of Gloria Huerta and Debi Moffat was established to explore various alternatives to a standardized EMT-I certification exam. This item was tabled due to Gloria Huerta's absence.

C. Committee Report: Licensure Issues

A sub-committee consisting of Gloria Huerta, John Pritting and Kevin White drafted this document, which was brought back from the last EMT-I Task Force meeting. The following items were discussed:

1. The Task Force agreed to change the term "EMT-I" to "EMT-Basic";
2. The Task Force agreed to keep the term "EMT certification" instead of changing to "EMT licensure";
3. The Task Force agreed to limit the period of time between course completion and certification to two years;
4. The Task Force agreed to keep the topic of one centralized certifying authority open until Robert Cordray could further research the topic. Sean Trask will also notify Dave Magnino at the CHP about this discussion topic;
5. The Task Force asked Sean Trask to research the possibility of sharing criminal background check information with other agencies. Sean will report back at the next Task Force meeting.
6. The Task Force asked if Nancy Steiner of the EMS Authority has surveyed other states as to which state has a statewide EMS system and which states have a statewide EMT-I certification process. Sean will report back at the next Task Force meeting;
7. The Task Force also would like to know which, if any, states require a high school diploma or GED for EMT Certification. Sean will survey the other states and report back to the Task Force at the next meeting.

D. Committee Report: EMT-I Training Program Approval Process

This item was tabled and will be brought back to the next Task Force meeting.

V. New Business

A. CQI Language in the EMT-I Regulations

Bonnie Sinz from the EMS Authority introduced the concept of continuous quality improvement (CQI) to the Task Force. Bonnie is currently working on an EMS for Children targeted issues grant proposal, which, if approved, is a three-year grant for statewide EMS CQI program. Bonnie distributed a handout of CQI related laws. EMS CQI process development is being discussed at multiple levels; the Paramedic Task Force is currently working on CQI issues; the System Review and Data Working Group of the

Vision Project is also working on CQI processes and Bonnie has applied for the Targeted Issues Grant. The EMT-I Task Force members felt that since EMS CQI process development is occurring at various levels, that the EMT-I Task Force will take a “wait and see” approach and review those finished products to determine if they can be incorporated into the EMT-I regulations. The Task Force has expressed an interest in having a CQI component in the regulations so that the service providers have a minimum set of requirements for quality improvement.

B. Scope of Practice

This item was tabled until next meeting.

VI. Discussion:

A. Review of Action Items

Action items were reviewed.

B. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2001 at the Oakland International Airport from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Recorder: Sean Trask